

The present application is distinguished from Wimmershoff-Caplan as follows:

a. The Wimmershoff-Caplan device attaches the neck strap on two loops, one being on each side of the ring. This causes the neck strap to be held out from the chest a distance of one-half the diameter of the ring. Thus, when the recorder has to be lifted to the lips, as occurs several times while being used, the thumbs may catch behind the strap adversely effecting the play of the recorder and creating a safety hazard. In my device, the neck strap is attached a single point. Thus the recorder hangs against the chest, greatly, reducing the hazard of thumb entanglement.

b. The Wimmershoff-Caplan device attaches the neck strap by means of two small loops on either side of the ring. Since, the recorder is used by children as young as three or four years of age these small loops present a safety hazard. My device has no such loops.

c. The Wimmershoff-Caplan device is essentially a piece of jewelry with its precious metal, decorative connector portion, its attachment loops and its chain link neck strap. These features present a question of safety in the hands of children that may be as young as three or four years of age and the majority of which are under the age of ten. My device is safe for children of all ages.

On page 10, after line 5, the following should be inserted:

The prior art of teachers, tying a string around the neck of a recorder so the recorder may be hung around a child's neck, is unsatisfactory, because it is a time consuming process that has to be repeated often due to the material and knot stretching or coming undone. The "Halo Hanger," with its ring and strap construction, does not have this problem.

Sincerely,



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